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SUMMARY: ACAO ACCOMPLISHED ADVANCE VISIT TO CHECK OUT PER-
FORMANCE SITE AND HOTEL IN YAROSLAVL' MAY 5 AND 6. EMBOFF
MOST CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY DIRECTORS PHILHARMONIC AND SPORTS
PALACE. DESIDES TECHNICAL DETAILS, EMBOFF ABLE GO OVER ALL
ASPECTS OF TOUR, INCLUDING PLANNING OF EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES AND MENUS, WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING DETAILS SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO NYJR (ROBERT
JONES):

A. HOTEL IN YAROSLAVL' WILL BE "YUBILEYNAYA"; ALL SINGLES
AND ONE DELUXE SUITE GUARANTEED. ROOMS ARE SMALL BUT DO HAVE
SHOWERS/SMALL BATHTUBS. "YUBILEYNAYA" LOOKS OUT OVER KOTOROSL'
RIVER, AND THERE IS NICE SAND BEACH WITHIN STONE'S THROW.
BRING BATHING SUITS.

B. SITE IS MOTOR FACTORY'S SPORTS PALACE (WHERE THAD
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JONES-MEL LEWIS PLAYED) AND APPEARS ADEQUATE. STAFF MOST

COOPERATIVE. ACCORDING TO SOVIETS, SITE WILL HOLD QUOTE NO MORE THAN 5,000 UNQUOTE. THEY ARE A LITTLE PUZZLED ON JUST HOW CLOSE TO SEAT AUDIENCE TO STAGE, BUT THAT CAN BE WORKED OUT.

C. SPORTS PALACE DIRECTOR PROMISES AT LEAST NINE MICRO-PHONES.

D. SPEAKERS WERE NOT IN PLACE BUT EMBOFF ASSURED THEY CAN BE SHUT OFF AND LOCATED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HALL AND THAT NYJR WILL BE ABLE EXPERIMENT AS TO WHICH ARRANGEMENT WILL BE BEST.

E. BACKDROP WILL BE LIGHT COLOR AND WILL CURVE AROUND SIDES OF STAGE AS JONES REQUESTED.

F. 220 VOLT LINE ON STAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.

G. PLATFORMS AND DRESSING ROOMS WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED.

H. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LARGE SPOTLIGHTS IN HALL, AND LIGHTING COLOR IS AVAILABLE.

I. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO AIR-CONDITIONING.

J. REHEARSALS CAN BE ARRANGED AT COMPANY'S CONVENIENCE. SOV OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF TIME DESIRED FOR REHEARSALS. ADVISE IF KNOWN.

2. RE FREE DAY ON JUNE 24: LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE RENT RIVER BOAT FOR SAILING UP AND DOWN VOLGA. LOCAL JAZZ CLUB HAS ASKED FOR JAM SESSION AT SOME TIME DURING NYJR'S STAY IN YAROSLAVL'. WOULD COMPANY BE WILLING INVITE JAZZ CLUB ACCOMPANY THEM ON BOAT TRIP? ADVISE.

3. OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED ARE TOUR OF YAROSLAVL' JUNE 25 AND EXCURSION TO ROSTOV VELIKIY ON JUNE 26 IF DESIRED.

4. COMMENT: YAROSLAVL' IS LIVELY CITY OF 600,000 WITH A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRIKINGLY YOUTHFUL POPULATION. THE BUS TRIP IS FIVE HOURS EACH WAY AND IS EXHAUSTING. END COMMENT.
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